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SUBJ: GOJ NAMES SHIZUO SAITO AEP TO UN

1. ON JULY 3 GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF SHIZUO SAITO AS AEP TO UN. CAREER DIPLOMAT SAITO SERVED AS AEP TO AUSTRALIA FROM 1969 TO PRESENT.

2. SAITO BORN JULY 5, 1914. STUDIED TOKYO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY AND JOINED MOFA 1938. DRAFTED, SERVED IN ARMY 1938-1942 (2ND LT). ASSIGNED 16TH ARMY MILITARY GOVT 1942-1944. RETURNED MOFA (POLITICAL BUREAU) THEN DETAILED TO MILITARY GOVT, JAVA. POST-WAR WORKED BRIEFLY IN MOFA, FOLLOWED BY VARIETY OF ASSIGNMENTS (1946-1949) WITH CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE DEALING WITH OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES (PRIMARILY IN ECONOMIC AREA). FROM 1949 TO 1952, SAITO WAS IN MOFA, POLITICAL AFFAIRS BUREAU AND ASIAN BUREAU. (IN 1950 MADE STUDY TOUR TO U.S.)

3. IN 1952 NAMED CONSUL, SEATTLE. DURING 1954-1955, DETAILED TO MITI WHERE HE WAS TEXTILE EXPORT SECTION CHIEF IN TEXTILE BUREAU. BACK TO MOFA, HELD POSITION AS SECTION CHIEF, INFORMATION AND CULTURE BUREAU (1955-1957). IN 1957, GIVEN COUNSELOR RANK AND ASSIGNED FOREIGN MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT AND,

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CONCURRENTLY, PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT. FROM 1959 TO

1962, SAITO COUNSELOR UK AND, CONCURRENTLY, CONSUL GENERAL LONDON. AFTER SERVICE AS MINISTER THAILAND (1962-1963), RETURNED TOKYO AS DIRECTOR MOFA U.N. BUREAU. LESS THAN YEAR LATER APPOINTED AEP INDONESIA (1964-1967) WHERE HE DEVELOPED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH US AEP FRANK GALBRAITH. DURING EARLY 1960'S SAITO WAS GOJ DELEGATE TO SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES: 5TH INTER-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON COPYRIGHTS (1960), INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AVIATION LAW (1963), U.N. TRADE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (1964) AND 2ND AA CONFERENCE (1965). FROM 1967 TO 1970 WAS DIRECTOR, FOREIGN MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT. IN 1969 APPOINTED AEP AUSTRALIA, POST HELD UNTIL PRESENT.

4. SAITO AND WIFE, AKIKO, HAVE TWO SONS. ONE IS UNIVERSITY STUDENT (TOKYO UNIVERSITY) AND OTHER IS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. INGERSOLL

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